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SUBJECT: NEW AUSTRIAN FOOD LEGISLATION MAY HURT U.S. CANNED
FRUIT SALES

1. LOCAL TRADE INFORMED AGATT THAT NEW AUSTRIAN FOOD LAW, WHICH ENTERS INTO FORCE NEXT JULY 1, MAY ENDANGER IMPORTS OF AMERICAN CANNED FRUITS BECAUSE PROVISIONS PROHIBITING PRESENCE DEXTRINES IN STARCH SIRUPS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOR TECHNOLOGICAL REASONS U.S. INDUSTRY CANNOT COMPLETELY ELIMINATE DEXTRINES FROM SUCH SIRUPS. BY AUSTRIAN DEFINITION DEXTRINE IN FOODS IS AN ADULTERANT.

2. THIS NOT NEW SITUATION, BUT UP TO NOW AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES TACITLY TOLERATED IMPORTS OF DEXTRINE-CONTAINING U.S. CANNED FRUITS. WITH CHANGEOVER UNDER 1975 FOOD LAW TO "POSITIVE LIST" OF FOOD ADDITIVES ON WHICH DEXTRINES REPORTEDLY WILL NOT APPEAR, HEALTH AUTHORITIES MAY FIND IT MORE DIFFICULT MAINTAIN LENIENT ATTITUDE.

3. WE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN TO AUSTRIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH OVER IMPACT RIGOROUS OBSERVANCE OF NO-DEXTRINE RULING WOULD HAVE ON U.S. CANNED FRUIT SALES TO AUSTRIA AND REQUESTED THAT STATUS QUO BE PERPETUATED.

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